

In the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A folding baby carriage ~~folded so that~~  
2 that comprises four wheels and that is foldable from an  
3 unfolded opened state to a folded state whereby the four  
4 wheels ~~[[may]] thereof~~ approach each other back and forth  
5 and from side to side, further comprising:

6 a lower frame structure that is positioned over the  
7 four wheels to form a seating surface portion of a seat,  
8 and ~~folded~~ that is foldable from said opened state to said  
9 folded state so as to approach back and forth and from side  
10 to side with said four wheels; and

11 an inverted U-shaped member ~~extending to rise that~~  
12 comprises two upwardly extending bars which extend upward  
13 from ~~[[both]] two~~ sides of said seating surface portion,  
14 and ~~keeps the same configuration in both opened state and~~  
15 ~~folded state without actually being bent.~~ portion;

16 wherein said inverted U-shaped member remains on a  
17 single plane both in said opened state and in said folded  
18 state without being bent out of said plane, said two  
19 upwardly extending bars respectively have two upper ends  
20 that remain a same distance apart from one another in both  
21 said opened state and said folded state, and said two  
22 upwardly extending bars respectively have two lower ends  
23 that are arranged and adapted to be closer together to one  
24 another in said folded state and farther apart from one  
25 another in said opened state.

1 2. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said inverted U-shaped member further  
3 comprises a ~~first and second members~~ middle bar member to  
4 which said upper ends of said upwardly extending bars are  
5 connected in a state in which a three-dimensional relative  
6 movement thereof is restricted.

1 3. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 2, wherein said ~~[[first]]~~ middle bar member has a  
3 respective peripheral wall receiving an edge of said ~~second~~  
4 member a respective one of said upper ends and restricting  
5 back-and-forth and up-and-down movements thereof.

1 4. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 3, ~~wherein said first and second members are~~  
3 ~~connected by~~ further comprising a pin extending in ~~[[the]]~~  
4 a back-and-forth direction. direction and connecting said  
5 middle bar member and a respective one of said upper ends.

1 5. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said inverted U-shaped member further  
3 comprises a ~~part of a pair of side vertical bars and a~~  
4 part of an upper end lateral bar connecting together said  
5 upper ends of said upwardly extending bars, and wherein  
6 said upper end lateral bar allows a slight deflection of  
7 said upwardly extending bars so that said two lower ends  
8 come closer together in said folded state than in said

9 ~~opened state while always remaining in said plane. part of~~  
10 ~~the pair of side vertical bars,~~

11 ~~said part of the upper end lateral bar keeps a linear~~  
12 ~~configuration in both opened and folded states, and~~

13 ~~said part of the pair of side vertical bars includes~~  
14 ~~upper ends whose distance is not changed in both opened and~~  
15 ~~folded states, and lower ends whose distance is reduced in~~  
16 ~~accordance with transition from the opened state to the~~  
17 ~~folded state.~~

- 1 6. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 5, wherein in ~~[[the]]~~ said opened state, ~~said part of~~  
3 ~~the pair of side vertical bars includes~~ two upwardly  
4 extending bars include lower regions extending parallel to  
5 each other from ~~[[the]]~~ said lower ends to a predetermined  
6 height and upper regions ~~whose distance is reduced toward~~  
7 ~~the upper side. extending upwardly from said predetermined~~  
8 height and slanting closer together toward said upper ends.

Claim 7 (Canceled).

- 1 8. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 6, wherein a length of ~~[[the]]~~ a part of ~~[[the]]~~ said  
3 upper end lateral bar connecting ~~[[the]]~~ said upper ends of  
4 ~~the part of the pair of side vertical~~ said upwardly  
5 extending bars is almost the same as a length between outer  
6 sides of ~~[[the]]~~ right and left wheels of said four wheels  
7 in ~~[[the]]~~ said folded state.

**Claim 9 (Canceled).**

1     **10.** (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2     ~~claim 9,~~ claim 2, wherein in ~~[[the]]~~ said opened state,  
3     ~~said pair of side vertical bar includes~~ two upwardly  
4     extending bars include lower regions extending parallel to  
5     each other from ~~[[the]]~~ said lower ends to a predetermined  
6     height, upper regions ~~whose distance is reduced toward the~~  
7     ~~upper side,~~ extending upwardly from said predetermined  
8     height and slanting closer together toward said upper ends,  
9     and horizontal regions extending inward from ~~the upper ends~~  
10    upper portions of said upper regions in ~~[[the]]~~ a width  
11    direction and terminating at said upper ends, and  
12    said middle bar member connects ~~[[the]]~~ said inner  
13    ends of said ~~pair of~~ horizontal regions.

1     **11.** (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2     claim 10, wherein said inverted U-shaped member is a push  
3     bar for moving the baby carriage,  
4     ~~said each side vertical bar~~ inverted U-shaped member  
5     further includes ~~[[a]]~~ cover member members covering ~~[[a]]~~  
6     respective bar ~~portion~~ portions extending from said  
7     horizontal ~~region~~ regions to said upper ~~region,~~ regions,  
8     and  
9     said ~~cover member~~ has a projection members  
10    respectively have projections protruding outward.

~~12. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to claim 11, wherein a distance between a pair of said projections positioned at right and left sides is almost the same as a length between ~~[[the]]~~ outer sides of ~~[[the]]~~ right and left wheels of said four wheels in the folded state.~~

13. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to claim 5, wherein said lower frame structure has a connection structure ~~[[which]]~~ that is connected to said lower ends and that allows inclination of ~~each part of the side vertical bar of said inverted U-shaped member said upwardly extending bars~~ in accordance with ~~[[the]]~~ a transition from ~~[[the]]~~ said opened state to ~~[[the]]~~ said folded state.

14. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to claim 5, wherein said lower frame structure comprises:

a pair of handrail members positioned above ~~[[both]]~~ two sides of the seating surface portion, and

a connection axis turnably connecting a rear end of a respective one of said handrail member members and the ~~part of the side vertical bar of said inverted U-shaped part,~~ a respective one of said upwardly extending bars, and

~~a wall surface of wherein~~ said handrail member includes an abutting wall surface opposed to said ~~side vertical bar part~~ respective upwardly extending bar through said connection ~~axis includes an axis,~~ said abutting wall

13 surface passing said connection axis and abutting on said  
14 ~~side vertical bar part,~~ respective upwardly extending bar,  
15 and separated wall surfaces positioned above and below  
16 ~~[[the]]~~ said abutting wall surface and forming a clearance  
17 with said ~~side vertical bar part.~~ respective upwardly  
18 extending bar.

1 15. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 5, wherein said lower frame structure comprises:

3 a rear leg having a rear ~~wheel,~~ wheel of said four  
4 wheels;

5 an inverting member turnably connected to said rear  
6 leg through a connection pin, provided along said rear leg  
7 above said connection pin in ~~[[an]]~~ said opened state, and  
8 provided along said rear leg below said connection pin in  
9 ~~[[a]]~~ said folded state; and

10 a connection axis turnably connecting an edge of said  
11 inverting member and ~~the side vertical bar part of said~~  
12 ~~inverted U-shaped part,~~ a respective one of said upwardly  
13 extending bars, and

14 ~~a wall surface of~~ wherein said inverting member  
15 includes an abutting wall surface opposed to said ~~side~~  
16 ~~vertical bar part~~ respective upwardly extending bar through  
17 said connection ~~axis includes an axis,~~ said abutting wall  
18 surface passing said connection axis and abutting on said  
19 ~~side vertical bar part,~~ respective upwardly extending bar,  
20 and separated wall surfaces positioned above and below  
21 ~~[[the]]~~ said abutting wall surface and forming a clearance

22 with said ~~side vertical bar part.~~ respective upwardly  
23 extending bar.

1 16. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 1, wherein said lower frame structure comprises a  
3 pair of seating surface supporting side bars extending in  
4 ~~[[the]]~~ a back-and-forth direction along ~~[[both]]~~ two sides  
5 of ~~[[a]]~~ said seating surface portion in order to support  
6 ~~[[the]]~~ a seating surface member from beneath,

7 wherein ~~[[said]]~~ each one of said seating surface  
8 supporting side ~~[[bar]]~~ bars integrally has an inward  
9 extending portion extending toward ~~[[the]]~~ an inside so as  
10 to support ~~[[the]]~~ said seating surface member from  
11 beneath.

1 17. (Original) The folding baby carriage according to claim 16,  
2 wherein said inward extending portion extends from a rear  
3 part of said seating surface supporting side bar to the  
4 inside.

1 18. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 16, wherein said inward extending portion is formed  
3 by bending a rear end portion of said seating surface  
4 supporting side bar to the inside in ~~[[the]]~~ a shape of a  
5 horseshoe.

1 19. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 16, comprising

3           wherein said seating surface member comprises a  
4           plate-shaped seating surface core ~~forming the seating~~  
5           ~~surface, core, and~~

6           wherein said seating surface core is connected to said  
7           pair of seating surface supporting side bars.

1       20. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2       ~~claim 16, claim 19,~~ wherein said seating surface core is  
3       connected to ~~[[the]]~~ said inward extending portions of said  
4       pair of seating surface supporting side bars.

1       21. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2       ~~claim 16, claim 19, further~~ comprising a bending link  
3       member connecting front portions of said pair of seating  
4       surface supporting side bars,

5           wherein said bending link member has a center link bar  
6           and a pair of side link bars provided so as to be allowed  
7           to be bent, and

8           said seating surface core is connected to said center  
9           link bar.

1       22. (Currently amended) A folding baby carriage comprising a  
2       lower frame structure positioned over four wheels to form  
3       a seating surface portion of a seat, in which ~~[[the]]~~ said  
4       lower frame structure is ~~folded, foldable from an unfolded~~  
5       opened state to a folded state, and further comprising:

6           a push bar for moving ~~[[the]]~~ said baby carriage; and



~~an inverted U-shaped member extending to rise that is separate from said pushbar, and that comprises two upwardly extending bars which extend upward from [[both]] two sides of said seating surface portion; portion and keeping the same configuration in both opened and folded states without actually being bent, separately from said push bar.~~

wherein said inverted U-shaped member remains on a single plane both in said opened state and in said folded state without being bent out of said plane, said two upwardly extending bars respectively have two upper ends that remain a same distance apart from one another in both said opened state and said folded state, and said two upwardly extending bars respectively have two lower ends that are arranged and adapted to be closer together to one another in said folded state and farther apart from one another in said opened state.

23. (Original) The folding baby carriage according to claim 22, wherein said push bar is provided so as to be changeable between a state pushed from behind and a state pushed face-to-face.

24. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to claim 22, wherein said lower frame structure includes a pair of handrail members positioned above [[both]] two sides of ~~[[the]]~~ said seating surface portion, and said inverted U-shaped member extends to rise upward from a rear end of said pair of handrail members.

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1 25. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 22, wherein said inverted U-shaped member is ~~used as~~  
3 a frame for supporting a backrest portion of ~~[[the]]~~ said  
4 seat.

1 26. (Currently amended) The folding baby carriage according to  
2 claim 22, wherein said inverted U-shaped member is ~~used as~~  
3 a part of a roof for shade.

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